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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Matthew R. Schuster, DOB: 5/31/75, of Wausau, Wisconsin, was sentenced Friday, October 28, 2005, by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 15 months imprisonment for hacking into the computers of Central Wisconsin Wireless Internet Services (CWWIS) of Wausau, Wisconsin. Schuster's conduct disrupted the internet access of several corporate CWWIS customers. Judge Crabb also ordered Schuster to pay \$19,060 in restitution to CWWIS, several of its customers, and also to Alpha Computer Services, a business that provided technical support to CWWIS.

United States Attorney Sinnott stated, "The successful prosecution of Schuster occurred because CWWIS and Alpha Computer Services contacted law enforcement immediately after discovering Schuster's attacks. As a result, law enforcement officers were able to gather crucial digital evidence that would have been lost had the businesses delayed reporting the crime. Because CWWIS and Alpha Computer Services acted as responsible corporate citizens, law enforcement was able to stop Schuster and he has been held accountable for his crime."

Following his 15 months in prison, Schuster faces three years of supervised

release during which time he will be required to advise employers of his prior conviction and must allow installation of hardware and software to monitor his computer usage. United States Attorney Sinnott stated that this sentence was the result of a lengthy and complex investigation by the Wausau Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Timothy M. O'Shea and Paul W. Connell.

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